

Fort Sisseton Commission Meeting
September 28, 2021

The Fort Sisseton Commission met at the Fort on September 28, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Bruce. Commission members present were Bruce Prins, Calvin Hove, Casey Weismantel, Linda Quade, Kirk Jones, Bill Hoskins, Rosie Smith, Jim Patrick, Doug Eidahl and Chuck Vrchota. GFP personnel present were Ali Tonsfeldt, Willy Collignon, Lori Skadsen, Al Nedved, and Connie Leschisin. Present for the Dept. of Tourism was Calvin Bloemendaal.. Minutes taken by Dalaine Pleinis.

AGENDA ITEMS

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

MOTION BY BILL SECOND BY DOUG TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AS TYPED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

FOUNDATION REPORT Ali presented the most recent foundation report. Discussion was held regarding the Great Plains fund and the possibility of closing it out. Ali will research how the funds were established and if it is still pertinent.

MOTION BY CALVIN SECOND BY BILL TO ACCEPT THE FOUNDATION REPORT AS PRESENTED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ali gave a report on the past events of The Escape Room Fundraiser and Harvest Festival.

Discussion was held as to how to get Ali help with planning and working the special events.

Project Status Update:

An update on current project status including Adjutant's Building- Deadwood Grant, Geothermal Updates. The A/C Units covering has been completed.

Master Plan Willy informed the commission we have received proposals from 2 companies. Staff will determine the next step in the process to form a decision between the two firms.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming events include a Ghost Investigation, Haunted Fort, Christmas Display Drive Through and Frontier Christmas. Bruce's wife and Casey's wife will oversee and provide the Commission concessions for Frontier Christmas.

Mobile App Ali has a source that would provide a 3d tour of the buildings to be added to the app. It would cost about \$2000.00 with an annual fee to \$120.00 to allow Ali to update and change it.

MOTION BY CASEY SECOND BY DOUG TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE 3D APPLICATION. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion was held about purchasing 4 to 5 iPads for the public to use to access the app while at the fort. Ali will research the feasibility and cost.

Bruce addressed the commission concerning a transport wagon for sale. Hanson Wagon and Wheel is refurbishing it. The asking price is \$21,000.00. Discussion held. Bruce will see if Hanson is willing to negotiate on price. Wagon to be in place by Festival 2022.

MOTION BY BILL SECOND BY LINDA TO PURCHASE THE REFURBISHED WAGON PAYING \$10,000 DOWN AND \$10,000 IN 6 MONTHS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The cannon has a wheel with a flaw in the wood. Ali will contact the company that repaired it in the spring of 2017 and see if there is any recourse for repair.

Discussion held concerning the overall disrepair of the cannon carriage.

MOTION BY JIM SECOND BY CASEY TO REQUEST A 2 PART QUOTE FROM HANSON WHEEL FOR REPAIR OF THE CANNON CARRIAGE. ONE QUOTE TO BE FOR THE WHEEL AND ONE FOR THE REST OF THE CARRIAGE. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Election of officers

Nomination chair, Calvin, presented the slate of officers. There being no objections, the following is the slate of officers for the next year.

CHAIR: Bruce Prins

VICE CHAIR: Kirk Jones

PLANNING COMMITTEE: Bruce Prins, Bill Hoskins, Doug Eidahl, and Calvin Hove

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chuck Vrchota, G Todd Garry, and Calvin Hove

Due to all the changes in the commission members, Ali will send out an updated list of who is on which Strategic Planning committees. Rosie volunteered to join the event committee.

The next meeting will be in February. Ali will send out a notice to coordinate the date.

MOTION BY CASEY TO ADJOURN SECOND BY DOUG. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.